



AmeriPlex adds three more tenants

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PORTAGE | AmeriPlex at the Port business park will add three more tenants to its list next month.

Flowserve US, Inc., the Chicago Tribune and Kramer & Leonard Office Products will each lease 10,000 square feet in the development's 100,805-square-foot Clark building beginning in November, said Tim Healy, senior vice president of AmeriPlex.

"Despite all the doom and gloom, we're having pretty good leasing activity," Healy said, adding they are negotiating with three additional potential tenants interested in locating at the 386-acre park on Ind. 249 just north of Interstate 94.

Mike Micka, project manager for Holladay Properties, developer of the park, said the locating of the three businesses will fill 30 percent of the building, which has not yet even completed construction.

The completion of the Clark building on Daniel Burnham Drive will mark the construction of more than 2.5 million square feet of space at the park. The three new firms will join 35 companies already located at the park in the 19 buildings that have been constructed since the park opened in 2000.

About 75 percent of the park's available land has been developed. About 1,000 people are employed at the businesses located at the park.

The Dallas, Texas-based Flowserve, a manufacturer and supplier of pumps and valves for chemical, oil, gas, power, metal and other industries, will operate a quick response center serving commercial customers in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa, said company representative Sandy Fetty. It will provide field service, repairs, new valves and new parts to customers. Fetty said the facility will initially employ four people, but will "grow from there" with the goal of making the local steel industry its primary customer.

The Chicago Tribune will be using its new space as a circulation distribution center.

The Chicago newspaper chose to locate at AmeriPlex, said John Mikuska, regional distribution manager, because it is "strategically positioned in Porter County."

Kramer & Leonard Office Products will be operating a warehouse/distribution center from the building.

Healy said plans also are continuing on the development's Shops at Lakeshore Point retail

development. However, it has slowed because of the overall national slow down in retail development.

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